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Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER :—" May I ask, Sir, whether the heading ' number of consumers ' is a mistake for the number of units that has been consumed? "

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU :—" It is consumers; I do not think it is a mistake."

Progress of the scheme for the electrification of Tiruchengodu, Salem district.

* 323 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what stage the electrification of the town of Tiruchengodu in Salem district is;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that a draft agreement has been obtained from the local panchayat in this behalf, and, if so, whether a copy of it will be placed on the table;

(*c*) when the work is likely to be undertaken;

(*d*) what the estimated cost is; and

(*e*) when the actual supply of current will be made to that town?

A.—(*a*) The town is in the area of supply of Messrs. The Salem-Erode Electricity Distribution Company. The Chief Engineer for Electricity has reported that the licensees have been negotiating with the local panchayat board for the supply of electricity to the town.

(*b*), (*c*), (*d*) & (*e*) The Government have no information.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER :—" The answer was sent on 10th August 1935. May I ask, Sir, whether the Hon. Member can furnish further information on the matter if any since received? "

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU :—" The hon. Member can ask for it."

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER :—" Will the Hon. Member be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the licensees in that area have told the local panchayat that it is not likely that they would undertake the scheme because it will not adequately pay them? "

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU :—" We have no information."

Progress of the scheme for the electrification of Sankari, Salem district.

* 324 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what stage the electrification of the town of Sankari in Salem district is;

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(*b*) whether it is a fact that a draft agreement has been obtained from the local panchayat in this behalf and, if so, whether a copy of it will be placed on the table;

(*c*) when the work is likely to be undertaken; and

(*d*) what the estimated cost is and when it is to be completed and the actual supply made to the town?

A.—(*a*) The town is in the area of supply of Messrs. The Salem-Erode Electricity Distribution Company. The Chief Engineer for Electricity has reported that the licensees have been negotiating with the local panchayat board for the supply of electricity to the town.

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) The Government have no information.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" May I ask, Sir, whether any definite information can be furnished now, as the answer was sent long ago? May I know at what stage the matter now is?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—" Negotiations are going on between the consumers and the licensees."

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" Have they reached any definite stage?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—" I am not aware."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" Will the Government enquire whether these companies are progressing properly or not?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—" There are conditions in these licences. The Government will take care to see that these conditions are properly observed."

Progress of the scheme for the electrification of Edappadi, Salem district.

* 325 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what stage the electrification of the town of Edappadi in Salem district is;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that a draft agreement has been obtained from the local panchayat in this behalf; if so, whether a copy of it will be placed on the table; and

(*c*) when the work is to be undertaken; what the estimated cost is of the work and when will the actual supply of current be available in the town?

A.—(*a*) The town is in the area of supply of Messrs. The Salem-Erode Electricity Distribution Company. The Chief Engineer for Electricity has reported that the licensees have been negotiating with the local panchayat board for the supply of electricity to the town.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information.